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my own in the same envelopes. With ourselves, "I bought roor wedding the money swed thereby I agreed to present today. See?"

Soil, said she after we had seated to be found, for the Indian crow is all inseparable appendage of present today. See?"

Purchase onlight a place and contains the money swed thereby I agreed to present today. See?"

When I am I was a specific a present today. See?" glistening affeir with a large single beld out for my inspection passage side by side is India, the great black, the great bl whether she said yes. I have a vague, steamer, Presently I found myself scated by leave you. I intend to keep my prom-fier side holding her hand, which lends ise. I know I am a selfish brute in actme to suspect that some manner of af-

said I at length. "I am thinking of our welding, John. It will be splendid to be married in

England?

"Not that, Veryl. The situation is lock Arms." orse-far worse. My mother is no



Laddie, she said. I am getting old, taken it from him.

and with us, dearest."

America to see me married, John I over the boss pictures to keep 'em the contents. The knavish tricks of must die a spinster. The last time we clean Look here!" And he turned the

ut of our dilemma. At first I suggested to Veryl that alf the ceremony be performed at Matlock and that we proceed by difpen to you on the return trip I would brrand to the Duke of Bedford prospect of semiwidowhood invited the duke on seeing him. "What le turn on the bird, and the others would

The plan of marriage by cable, next

advanced, met with like discourage

ment as being "too much on the order of an international chess tournament. Wireless telegraphy offered some asked the duke. "Is that the same as slight prespect of solution, but Veryl the Duke of Bedford's?" retracted on account of its uncertainty. With the rattic of the first milk wag- arms may be much the same, but I on on the street outside and its remind- fancy there's a slight difference in our er that morning had arrived came the coats!" scheme that we finally adopted. Veryl As this fact was only too apparent, was to go to England. I to remain be the duke sem for a good cost of his bind in America. On the 14th day of own and gave it to the man June at high noon, Greenwich time, sar lock and repeat her responses. At the ame instant I agreed to go through the ceremony at my mother's home by Belmont. Tast necessitated a slight ual postponement of our honeymoon and the omission of a bridal procession

veryl grievel over both features. I shared only half her sorrow. As time went on Veryl became quite most another of the order of the arrange work. Let him ask no other blessed may be effected. Exchange reconciled to our marriage plan despite ment doubtless appealed to her strong pess. - Carlyle

by With me I was otherwise. The THE CROWS OF INDIA glery of our engagement was quite dimmed by the prospect of her depur-ture for the other side. When she sailed THEY ARE THE ARCH VILLAINS OF on the 1st day of June my grief was aby small. Mother has since assured me that for three entire days I ate not a morsel of food. My thoughts were with a certain ocean greyhound speed. ing over its Atlantic lane, and I read

and derelict statistics. With most people the story ends One Friday evening I found two who has not sofourned in the "Land and when cornered by the gentlemen reptance, tableau, finis.

In our case the situation reversed come down for dinner that evening I

and reread nothing but storm reports

firmation must have greated my pro-belp myself."

black crow exist alone of all that is
posal. We were engaged. With that "Son," said my mother, "the Rodney

colored up as the emblem of all that is
and offendivous. As things are, its our story starts. Thus: Proposal, ac is safe in every way. I have seen her captain, who is an old friend of your information and into insignificance because for the next few morners within the captain, who is an old friend of your life the captain. For the next few moments neither father, and he assures me his boat is side those of its gray necked consin. The very name of the latter bird is presenting and deliciously have fire order and deliciously have fire order and deliciously have fire order. open fire, quiet and deliriously happy, this season of the year is a mere pleas-Think of it—Veryl was mine, my very are jaunt. Yes, I am going with you own!

One is the arch villain of the arch villain of all observers, when suddenly he was own!

One is the veryl was mine, my very of all observers, when suddenly he was own! "Of what are you thinking, dear?" me like that! I go with you on one

condition "And that is?" "That our departure be kept a secret from Veryl. We must surprise her."
We had an uneventful trip. I re "Of course," she replied. "Don't you member very little of it. Some time remember? Father is at Matlock, in during the second day we passed a Derbyshire. When I last left him he lonely whale. He excited my sympaexacted from me a solema promise the at the time. Somehow, somewhere, that I should never be married during we landed and took train for Lonhis lifetime unless in his presence. I don. We rushed through London in a know, dear, it means a long trip for cab and found ourselves on another both of us and the absence of a great train. As near as I can remember we many of your friends from the cere spent four months on that train. See the control of the contro mony. But dad has my promise, and it though mother says it was nearer five must be kept. Why, John, you are hours. Late that afternoon, she tells ted a crime. Don't don't look at me long, steep hill and found ourselves in sold and silven spectacle frames stollike that. Are you afraid of the ocean front of a very large and very gloomy en from Messis. Lawrence & Mayo's other except seven. And as the symbol towards. hotel, bearing a glit sign, "The Mat- factory. The value of the materials of the Trinity is influence has waxed

to my dying day. A fat clerk stood in front of us and held out a long pen. "Is Miss Veryl Preston at home?" I

"No. sir."

here and planning a surprise for her Yes, we were married, after all. Very the country of influences of the country of

omething about being married over

York. We compromised on New York.

papers under his arm, was standing at Eighth and Market streets when a man hurriedly approached, slipped a paper from mader the youngster's elow, tossed a coin at him and then boarded a passing car. Instead of appearing pleased at having made a sale "SHE LEFT FOR AMERICA LAST TRUES the car, briving "Stop thief" at the playground. They are never so happy the car, briving "Stop thief" at the playground. They are never so happy the car, briving "Stop thief" at the playground. They are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy top of his voice. He caught the car at the playground of they are never so happy to be described in the playground of the playgro the supposed newsboy uttered a yell what I expected to say to you she me that?" he demanded, grabbing the to move. The consequence is that it

asked me to be married at once paper away from the man who had has been found accessary to have made and before I go I want to see you The boy swing off and walked away protect articles placed at the bedside me, son, that you will be married as covered his self possession. Then matter soon as possible, so that I can be here to see my boy united to the woman of the passenger alighted and started his choice. I propose the assumance passenger had response to the first the same play cards and tell risque stories. The day coache is are crowded and comfortless. The heavy sleepers as they sway to metablish the passenger alighted and started his choice. I propose the assumance passenger had re-passenger ha tempt to escape. "You young rascall" possessed of sufficient intelligence to exclaimed the excited pursuer, collar refrain from alighting on the basket. "The excitation of the excited pursuer, collar refrain from alighting on the basket." (rask) Engine and cars and flesh and But your mother can go to Eug tempt to escape, "You young rascall" "Impossible. She has a horror of lag the lad. "What do you mean by the ocean that nothing can conquer, taking that paper away after I bought Why not bring your father to Amer It? "Bought nothin"," said the boy de fantly. "I ain't sellin' papers. You "If I waited for father to come to went an swiped me paper that I put rossed it took him four months to pages back, revealing to the surprised summon up his courage to the point of citizen several nice engravings stowed embarkation. Three times we bought in between the leaves. It developed tickets; twice we forfeited our depos that the boy worked in an art store its. Once on shore, he assured me that and was on the way there with the he had suffered his last trip. John prints when the hasty individual misyou are such a resourceful clever fel took him for a newsboy and ran off ow that you must devise some way with about 810 worth of art works. Philadelphia Record.

A Coat For a Word. A poor man may possess a wit so ferent steamers to America, where the fine that it is enpublic of doing him a emaining portion might be read great deal of service and then wait of the meal. Their plan of campaign Veryl would have none of it. She had a long time before an opportunity evenanted to be married in the pres comes for him to exercise it profitably ence of her parent-not half married. This was the case with an effects "And, besides, John," she added re tramp who was one intrusted, for proachfully, "If anything should hap want of a better messenger, with an

> "My tame is Russell, your grace. The duke buggled heartly, for his wn name was Russell. "And how about your cost of arms?"

"Ah, your grace," said the man, "our

your name?"

It is said that rats may be driven

Bazar.

human traits after all.-Chicago Jour-

THE BIRD WORLD.

Iwo Species of the Fenthered Vagabonds Exist Side by Side and Ply languages of any one ever bons, relates Their Tricks of Iniquity in Com-

after the heart interest has been proposus it trunks in our front hallway. The of Regrets" to appreciate the import of the press his language became diserly adjusted. Thus: Proposal, accumulation informed me that they were there that part played by crows in the daily thatly lurid. life of the Anglo-Indian, India with- One day as he was coming out of the out its crows is unthinkable; it could central postoffice a frank looking vently, of course, that proper economy eftenent about her, but I asked no only be likened to London without its young man stepped up to him, and, would same ion the practice of send questions. fors. Wherever human beings have holding out his hand, said: "I am so "Son," said she after we had seated their abodes there are multitudes of glad to make your acqua-Imagine my astonishment when she fown and village. Two species exist speaking? impression that she said nothing at all. "But, mother," I protested, "I cannot des. Both birds lend lives of aimless black crow exist alone it would be cous man. To call the arch villain of indian materalist, "often regrets that erel exclamation. His friends crowded such an imppropriate specific name should have been applied to this species, for it tends to bring into ridicule among the unscientific the system of

things. A Calcutta bird has Mall Gazette. made itself famous for all time by constructing a nest of the wires used to secure the corks of soda water bot ties. Bombay is very jealous of Cal-utta, and the crows, of course, and Had Unusual Significance. formed on the veranda. One day the son deceived Deliah three time for a couple of minutes. During his with a javelin Jonathan shot three as at once after I had cabled my own and breaking the vase in which they cause he prayed three times a day. whereabouts. She insisted on being married in England. I insisted on New layars is a very enthusiastic gardener. They root up his choicest seedlings, speaks of faith, hope and chartey Both Astonished.

A boy, apparently a neessboy, with sever the heads of his most superb the heads of his most superb three wise men came to worship sever the heads of his most superb three three three fines to Satur when he he places in celt sticks to mark where was tempted. He prayed three times seed have been sown

But it is in towns that the iniquity of the crows reaches its maximum. Had it done so its presence would probably have been detected. It flapped slong just above the top of the basket. keeping pace with the woman, and so, unperceived by her, made a meal off the contents. The kimvish tricks of man belags. As Colonel Cunningham truly says, "Any nuimal pets are, of course, even more than instinute objects, subject to their attentions, and inless in wholly inaccessible places are constantly liable to have their food | purformed and their lives rendered a burden by persistent and Ingenious per I once possessed a grey bound which used to be fed in the gar den. A tuan had to stand over the dog the bloom is brushed from the fruit. while it was feeding; otherwise the grows would decour the greater portion was simple and effective. They soon learned the dor's reeding hour and as off the track. it drew near would take up a position His father went slowly, carefully, suc on any convenient tree. The moment the greyhound began to eat a crow would swoop down and peck viciously "Well, you're a queer fellow," said at its tail. The dog would, of course, seize this opportunity to statch away some of the food. The process would be repeated intil the meal was over. Crows tease and annoy wild creatures with the same read, ness that they worthe London street scab makes fam of any person in unusual attire.-Longman's Magazine. Dangers of Melancholy.

anchofis is something that comes more nal. within the province of the will power than naything else. It can be east off and avoided only in this way. Some

POOR TROMBETTIE

the Journalts Professor Trombetti, whose praises were so much sung in the foreign press as knowing the greatest niliub an anecdote of himself which occurred just after he was "discovered." In It is quite impossible for any one life that the was so pestered by journal-

> near relation to be sure, but near etc. Professor Trombetti, reassured, and gind to get hold of some one tounburden himself to, took the stranger's arm, and, as they went down the street, gave, in emphatic terms, a description of his sufferings, his ophnion of journalists, and, incidentally, much information about himself which the papers had been vainly sighing for, Finally they parted with an engagement for dinner the next evening.

That night the professor was sitting tranquilly in a restaurant, the observed about for an explanation, but he could only sit down weakly and point to his newspaper, the Glornale d'Italia, There, in large print, were his imprudeat revelations of the afternoon. The Indian crow is able to utilize had been "done" by a journalist.-Pall

THE PERFECT NUMBER.

The perfect number of the Pythagorean system, expressive of beginning, the former promptly built her nest of From time immemorial greater prompused in the construction of this nest more potent in recent times. If appears The next some will abide with me was estimated at 120. But crows will over and over again in both the New appropriate thank for which they can and Old Testaments. At the creations have no possible use. They commit of the world we find land, water and larcence for the love of the thing. The sky, sun, moon and stars, Jonah was Indian crow is the incurrent spirit of three days and nights in the whales mischief. The bird will wantonly tear belly. Christ three days in the tomb. a leaf out of a book lying open on There were three patriarchs, Abraham, the table. My cardener, ales Mr. De. Isaac and Jacob. Abraham entertained with the general, her father. She said war, pair every marning tresh flowers three angels. Job had three friends,

is the vase. This operation is per. Samuel was called three times, Samman was called away from his work Three times Sant tried to kill David and the crows are the bane of his life, livered on the third day, St. Paul Three wise men came to worship with the little pieces of paper which spoke three tisses to Satan when he before he was betrayed. Peter denied him three times. He suffered three hours of agony on the cross. The su-The Madras corvidae ere a byword perscription was in three haguag throughout the length and breadth of and three men were crucified. Christ india. The hospital is their favorite appeared three times to his disciples

May Be off the Track. The limited goes sixty miles an hour from the ravages of the "treble dated by the smoker men joke and play cards blood are ground up together in a So goes humanity's train. Here is a boy who got to running on a fast schedule. He began by pilfering from his father's till. As he grew older he made faster time. Down grade her goes, and soon comes the crash. Newsboys ery a murder and a suicide. The crowd halts for a moment. His friends murmur, "I perer th had?" A young man is off the track! A young girl thinks her mother is

> girl goes to places her mother has warned her she should not frequ * * * One day a brazen, drunkent crea ture, cursing and shricking is loaded into the patrol wagon. A woman is A man gets in a hurry to be rich. cessfully. But father's methods will not do. What's the use of moiling and tolling when a quicker way may well do the business? So and so has spec-

too slow for these record breaking

ulated successfully. Surely I am as shrewd as he. * * * A pistol shot. A man is off the track! Our age is a mpid one. Business and society go at a sixty mile clip, Rather than be sidetracked for a time men ry domestic animals. They mob every will drive their trains into the ditch, strange bird in much the same way as flamy of them run wild. There are will drive their trains into the ditch, frequent collisions and wrecks innu-

merable by getting off the track. Look out, thriving but venturesome merchant and reckless young woman The weak, broken spirited person and gay young man! The race is not grows morbid and melancholy, and the to the swift alone. Put on the brakes. brain degenerates rapidly under the Slow up, or before you know it you influence of these mental states. Mel- with be off the track .- Milwaukee Jor

An Insurance Story.

They tell this story down on Waif times for the lack of stimulating the street: The executive officer of a great The Midnight Promenade.

She-Henry He-Huh? She-Just imagine baby is one of those sick friends you sit up all pight was B agine baby is one of those sick friends to rescue the mind from intrespection cause his company refused to invest you sit up all night with Harper's and give the will an opportunity to us which his foliant man connected. sometimes this is accoun- which his friend was conne

plished, and then, if followed up by minutes, then said carelessly, as if he minutes, then said carelessly, as if he The insurance man stood it a few were ordering a box of a new brand of eigars, "Ob, well, send me up a mil lion and a half of them - World's